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SUBJECT: IRS INQUIRY - BERLIN OCCUPATION COST

EMPLOYEES

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1. BY LETTER TO AMERICAN EMBASSY BONN, DATED AUGUST 19, 1977, IRS ATTACHE SPENCER OFFICIALLY REQUESTED THE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES TO THOSE REQUESTED IN PARA TWO REFTEL, IN CONFORMANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT, SUBSECTION (B) (7): BEGIN QUOTE: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NEEDED WITH RESPECT TO U.S. CITIZENS AND RESIDENT ALIENS EMPLOYED IN D-MARK FUNDED LN SPACES BY THE U.S. ARMY BERLIN, 7350TH AIR BASE GROUP, USAF, BERLIN, AND U.S. MISSION, BERLIN FOR THE QUARTERS ENDING 31 MARCH 1974 THROUGH 31 JULY 1977:

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- 1. THE NAME OF EACH SUCH EMPLOYEE.
- 2. THE AMOUNT OF WAGES PAID EACH SUCH EMPLOYEE IN EACH QUARTER.
- 3. THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF EACH SUCH EMPLOYEE.

BASED UPON INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS SECURED IN BERLIN 16 MAY 1977 AND 7-10 JUNE 1977, I HAVE REACHED A TENTA-

TIVE CONCLUSION THAT THE U.S. ARMY, BERLIN 7350TH AIR BASE GROUP, AND U.S. MISSION, BERLIN ARE "EMPLOYERS" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3401 (D) AND 3121 (H) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND HAD THE DUTY TO COLLECT AND/OR PAY OVER THE FOLLOWING TAXES TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE:

- 1. WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAX FROM EMPLOYEES UNDER SECTION 3402 (A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.
- 2. WITHHOLDING OF OLD-AGE SURVIVORS AND DISABILITY INSURANCE AND HOSPITAL INSURANCE UNDER SECTION 3102 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE
- 3. PAYMENT OF THE EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF OLD-AGE, SUR-VIVORS, DISABILITY INSURANCE AND HOSPITAL INSURANCE UNDER SECTION 3111 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

UNDER SECTIONS 3403 AND 3102 (B) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, THE EMPLOYER IS LIABLE FOR THE TAX REQUIRED TO BE WITHHELD AND PAID OVER IN (1) AND (2) ABOVE. END QUOTE. THIS REQUEST IS IN RECOGNITION OF THE EMBASSY'S ROLE IN WEST BERLIN ON THE BEHALF OF THE AMBASSADOR AS CHIEF OF MISSION BERLIN AND SUPREME AUTHORITY, IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR BERLIN.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS CONFIRMATION THAT IT IS TO PROVIDE ONLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OF AMERICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OCCUPATION COST FUNDED EMPLOYEES, ALL AGENCIES: EMPLOYEE NAMES, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, AND BASIC REPEAT BASIC SALARIES.
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